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SUBJECT: FON SEC GOMEZ BERGES' POLITICAL PLANS

REF: SD 989

1. DURING THE CONVERSATION DESCRIBED REFTTEL, GOMEZ SAID IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT CONTINUING AS FONSEC IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN HIS INTEREST. AT THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF AGE AND AFTER EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS CABINET SECRETARY, HE FELT HE WAS AT A CROSSROADS IN HIS LIFE. HE SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING PROPOSING TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE BE NAMED AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. ANOTHER POST THAT INTRIGUED HIM WAS THAT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY, A POSITION CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY GENERAL NEIT NIVAR SEIJAS.

2. COMMENT: ESSENTIALLY GOMEZ IS BALANCING THE DESIRABILITY OF BEING OUT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS WHERE HE COULD GAIN ANOTHER TYPE OF EXPERIENCE AND BROADEN HIS U.S. CONTACTS ON THE ONE HAND AGAINST CONTINUING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL MELEE FROM THE PALACE VANTAGE POINT WITH A VIEW TOWARD THE VICE-PRESIDENCY OR PRESIDENCY FOUR YEARS FROM NOW. EVERY THIRTY-FOUR YEAR OLD SHOULD HAVE SUCH PROBLEMS.
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